

MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE LACEY CITY COUNCIL HELD
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020
REMOTE ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ryder called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Ryder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL PRESENT: A. Ryder, C. Pratt, L. Greenstein, C. Cox, S. Steadman E. Kunkel, M. Miller (remote attendance)

STAFF PRESENT: S. Spence, R. Almada, J. Burbidge, S. Egger, M. Hardie, D. Schneider, R. Walk, T. Woo, P. Edmonds (remote attendance)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Council meeting minutes of May 14, 2020
- B. A motion to approve payment of claims, wages and transfers for May 7, 2020, through May 20, 2020

COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA. DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS: Dave Schneider, City Attorney, presented Council with Resolution No. 1090 extending the provisions of Resolution No. 1085 declaring an emergency in the City of Lacey regarding the outbreak of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Thurston County, and

remaining effective until June 25, 2020, unless further extended by formal action of the Council.

On March 19, 2020, the Lacey City Council passed Resolution No. 1085 finding the COVID-19 outbreak to constitute an emergency. The provisions of Resolution 1085 allow the City to request available state and federal assistance in response to the COVID-19 health emergency, and waive specific bidding requirements in order to enter into contract in the most efficient manner in response to the emergency. The provisions of Resolution 1085 were extended by Council on April 23, 2020. The provisions are now set to expire on May 28, 2020, unless further extended.

Council discussed bringing back Committee meetings and Worksessions. Council directed staff to prepare a resolution amending Resolution 1087 for consideration at the June 11, 2020, Council meeting.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1090 EXTENDING THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION NO. 1085 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF LACEY REGARDING THE OUTBREAK OF NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) IN THURSTON COUNTY. COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Dave Schneider, City Attorney, presented Council with Resolution No. 1091 suspending enforcement actions relating to Local Improvement District (LID) assessments.

On March 23, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee imposed a "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order requiring every Washingtonian to stay home unless they are engaged in an essential activity and banning all

gatherings for social, spiritual and recreational purposes and ordering all businesses to close unless they are designated as an essential business. Governor Inslee's order is in effect until at least May 31, 2020, and it is anticipated that the bulk of the order will remain in place beyond May 31, 2020. These restrictions are critical in mitigating the rate of spread of the COVID-19 virus, but they are having significant negative economic effects on the citizens of Lacey.

Council has previously taken action to alleviate some of the negative economic effects the COVID-19 restrictions are having on the citizens of Lacey. For example, B&O taxes have been deferred and enforcement action against delinquent utility accounts have been suspended. The Governor has placed a moratorium on residential and some commercial evictions.

Delinquent LID assessments also trigger enforcement action against property owners. If on January 1 of a given year two assessments are delinquent, the Lacey Municipal Code requires foreclosure proceedings to begin by June 1 of that year. Penalties are also required to be added.

COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1091 TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST DELINQUENT LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS IN RESPONSE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19). COUNCILMEMBER KUNKEL SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Jen Burbidge, Parks and Recreation Director, presented Council with Resolution 1092 authorizing the application for the Heritage Capital Project Grant.

The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking \$607,709 in funding from the 2020 Heritage Capital Project Grant program to initiate Phase 3 of the Lacey Museum and Civic Center. Funds will pay for building demolition, site clearing, minor electrical improvements, and some infrastructure. Work will also include additional environmental clean-up actions under the guidance of Department of Ecology. The grant will only pay for a portion of the planned work under Phase 3 with the objective of returning the site to a predevelopment state. Additional elements of Phase 3 will be completed in the future such as frontage improvements and installation of underground utilities (water, sewer, gas, and electric).

Funds spent on the Depot Trail Amenity and the train playground structure will be used for matching funds to apply for the \$607,709 state grant.

A signed resolution authorizing the application and showing official approval of the proposed project is required by the governing authority to apply for the grant.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1092 AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR THE HERITAGE CAPITAL PROJECT GRANT. COUNCILMEMBER COX SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Ryder recommended Council consider changing the time Council meetings begin, such as 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 pm. Council will discuss at a future meeting.

Mayor Ryder updated Council on his discussions with local jurisdictions on the additional CDBG money.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Scott Egger, Public Works Director, presented Council with Lacey Contract Number PW 2020-14 to low bidder Miles Resources, LLC from Puyallup, Washington, in the amount of \$1,398,405 for street construction at the Orion roundabout and reconstruction of 1.25 miles of Meridian Road from 31st Avenue NE to 46th Avenue NE. The engineer's estimate was \$1,900,000.

The project includes planning 4,100 square-yards of existing asphalt pavement and placing 8,000 tons of fiber reinforced asphalt in addition to the City-wide valve and manhole adjustments and asphalt patching.

Miles Resources is qualified and capable of performing the work. Start date for the project is anticipated to begin in July 2020, with 60 working days allotted.

COUNCILMEMBER COX MOVED TO AWARD LACEY CONTRACT NUMBER PW 2020-14 TO LOW BIDDER MILES RESOURCES, LLC FROM PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,398,405.00. DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Michael Cade, Executive Director of Thurston County Economic Development Council, presented the Thurston Regional Economic Recovery Task Force priority investment recommendations. The EDC requested \$70,000 from the City of Lacey for economic recovery related to COVID-19.

MAYOR RYDER MOVED TO APPROVE FUNDING
THURSTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL \$70,000 IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC
RECOVERY RELATED TO COVID-19.
COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN SECONDED.
MOTION CARRIED.

Chris Wells, Executive Director, United Way of Thurston
County, presented Council with recovery priorities for
human services related to COVID-19.

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

MAYOR: _____

ATTESTED BY CITY CLERK: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____